



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held May 6, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) recently notified 38 currently-contracted Group Home and Foster Family Agency service providers that their County contracts for placement services will expire on October 31, 2008. The reason for the notification was because these agencies did not submit a timely response to the Department’s advertised solicitation for new services. Consequently, placement transition planning for over 700 children placed within these facilities is currently underway.

“The out-of-home placement stability of abused and neglected children must remain of utmost concern. Foster children experience some of the highest incidents of mental illness due to the obvious traumas of abuse and neglect, followed by the loss of their biological parents and subsequent multiple foster care placements. Furthermore, there is much research that indicates that multiple placement moves are detrimental to the achievement of a child’s permanency goals, whether through reunification, legal guardianship or adoption. Los Angeles County must make every effort to ensure that the futures of our most vulnerable children are determined through their stability in safe and nurturing environments.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Acting Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Director of Children and Family Services, and Chief Probation Officer, was directed to report back to the Board within 30 days on its review and assessment of the Group Home and Foster Family Agency contract solicitation, including all circumstances unique to the application of this solicitation's process; and develop a Correction Action Plan based on findings, as necessary.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Acting Auditor-Controller
- Director of Children and Family Services
- Chief Probation Officer